is no proposal under consideration of the Government to scrap the policy governing location of industries. Under the new Industrial Policy announced by the Government on 24th July, 1991, in locations other than cities of more than 1 millon population, there will be no requirement of obtaining Industrial approvals from the Government except for industries subject to comulsory licensing. In respect of cities with population greater than 1 million, industries other than those of a non-polluting nature will be located outside 25 Kms. of the periphery, except in prior designated industrial areas. However, existing zoning and land use regulations and environmental legislations will continue to regulate industrial locations. An entrepreneur is free to take decisions with repard to the location of an industrial unit as long as it conforms to the locational policy outlined above.

Delicensing of industries under new Industrial Policy

3210. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to delicence car, truck and scooter industries; and

(b) whether there is any proposal also to delicence Sugar industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Under the Statement on Industrial Policy placed on the Table of both Houses of Parliament on 24th July, 1991, requirement of industrial licensing has been done away with for all types of automobiles except passenger cars.

(b) There is no proposal at present with Government for delicensing Sugar industry.

Manufacturing of LAB by Hindustan Lever

3211. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Lever is not manufacturing the committed quantity of LAB., a vital input for detergents, in its unit in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details of the committed quantity and actual production in this unit during the last three years; and

(c) what action has been taken against that company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd. have been issued a letter of intent dated 23.5.89 for setting up an unit in the State of Punjab for the manufacture of 60,000 tonnes per annum of LAB. Implemenation of these project is held up as the source for supply of the critical raw material is yet to be tied up.

Vacancies of Chief Executives in Public Setor Undertakings

3212. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vacancies of Chief Executives in Public Sector Undertakings have not been filled up in most cases despite recommendations of PESB;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the concerned public sector undertakings under his Ministry are heavily suffering for non-filling of the post; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) As per information available there are 29 vacancies of Chief Executives in Public Sector Undertakings as on 13-12-1991. Out of these the recommendations of the P.E.S.B. are available in respect of 18 posts. The recommendations of the P.B.S.B. are processed in accordance with the prescribed procedure, before finalising appointments.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Alternative arrangements have been made.

Selling of Maruti Udyog Limited to Private firms

3213. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to sell the Maruti Udyog Limited to a private business firm; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the name of private firm and the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Suzuki Motor Corporation has made a proposal to the Government for raising their equity participation in Maruti Udyog Ltd. The proposal is under examination.

Supreme Court Judgement regarding Payment of Gujarat

3214. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Judgement of the Supreme Court on Garment Clearing Works vs. Workmen (1962) 20 FDR 209 regarding payment of Gratuity money to the employees, irrespective of whether their services have been terminated by dismissal or on superannuation, has been applied to the employees of Public Sector enterprises;

(b) whether Gratuity Rules framed by the individual Public Sector Enterprise have been modified for the purpose; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) The implications of the Supreme Court Judgement are being examined by Government and a statement would be laid on the Table of the House after a decision has been taken in this regard.

Irregular and Illegal Appointments

3215. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet decided the cases of irregular and illegal appointments made in the Public Sector Undertakings during May and June 1991 despite prohibition by the then Government and which came under the review of the present Government;

(b) whether some of the incumbents in public sector undertakings of that period have been still continuing in their positions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Eighteen appointments of the Chief Executive of public sector Undertakings, out of the twenty one such appointments made during May-June, 1991, have since been reviewed by the Government and no irregularity has been found in these cases. The incumbents of these posts are therefore, continuing in their positions. The review in respect of remaining three cases is yet to be completed.

हिन्दी की अपेक्षा अंग्रेजी में लंबी अवधि के कार्यक्रम

3216. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष आकाशवाणी एवं दूरदर्शन के कार्यक्रमों का कुल प्रसारण समय कितना था तथा उनका भाषावार ब्यौरा क्या है ;